GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF RUBBER .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of natural rubber has been banned;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any move to allow such imports again;

(d) whether there is demand from farmers to stop import of substances used in place of natural rubber and used tyres; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)
(a) to (c): Import of Natural Rubber is in the Restricted Listand is permitted only against Advance Licence for exports or under Special Import Licence (SIL). Import against Advance Licence has also been banned w.e.f. 20.2.1999 which is still continuing.
(d) : Yes, Sir.
(e) Import of polyurethane, which is a versatile material, takes place in small quantities and it does not pose a threat to Natural Rubber. A minimum c.i.f. value ceiling ranging from US $ 25 to US $ 175 per tyre has been prescribed for import of used / re-treaded tyres.